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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Yellow fever in the United States.

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 2,075; deaths, 292 from July 21 to September 4, inclusive.

August 12. Acting Asst. Surg. B. I. Hicks wrote from Vicksburg, Miss., under date of August 12:

Doctor Krauss, of Memphis, August 11, after a second examination, pronounced one of the Italians at Talullah, La., as having yellow fever, the other as convalescent. Both are in quarantine camp, about 1 mile from town, guarded and isolated. He traced the infection unmistakably to the woman who died at Lake Providence, the same woman having left New Orleans the day after infection was declared, July 21. She stopped two days at Talullah en route, and visited in the family of which the 2 men now sick are members.

August 15. The following letter, under this date, has been received from Dr. Jas. H. Riddick, president of the Norfolk Board of Health:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind favor of the 14th instant, introducing Doctor Sawtelle, with whom I went over the situation to-day. Instead of alarming the public, your communications in my opinion had a most beneficial effect. While people are more or less prone to become easily excited, prompt action on the part of the health officials seems to inspire confidence.

The State Board of Health last evening decided to substitute border quarantine for that of local inspection, though the latter will be maintained until arrangements are perfected.

August 28. Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger telegraphed from Tallulah, La., in acknowledgment of orders contained in a telegram heretofore printed:

Your telegram just received. Am returning to Lake Providence and will wait orders there.

August 29. From Lake Providence Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger wired that he was leaving for Natchez.

Later in the day a message telegraphed from Natchez, Miss., was received from him:

Arriving at Memphis; learned Wasdin been here. If not urgently needed here, believe can be of service in Lake Providence. Waiting orders.

August 30. Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger telegraphed again from Natchez:

Organization under way; will report daily.

August 29. Following is a letter from Passed Assistant Surgeon Francis, Mobile, Ala., August 29:

As directed in Bureau letter of the 25th instant, I have the honor to make the following report of the character of fumigation, etc., at this port. The fumigation was begun at the request of the United Fruit Company, a copy of whose letter is herewith inclosed. The cars are fumigated before being loaded with bananas—the car ventilators are plugged and 7 pounds of sulphur are burnt in each car. The cars are left closed for two hours. The pots, sulphur, alcohol, and labor are furnished by the fruit company, and each fumigation is carried out under my personal supervision or that of a hospital attendant. Ashbel Hubbard & Co. and John B. Cefalu & Bro. handle a great portion of the ripe bananas of the United Fruit Company and many of the cars were fumigated at their request. The total number of cars fumigated to date is 122.

August 29. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Recommend for appointment as acting assistant surgeon temporarily at Mississippi City Dr. C. Galloway. * * *

August 29. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported from Lake Providence, La.:

Report 3 cases, total 27, total deaths to date 1. Situation improving. Goldberger left at noon. Will report at noon in future.

August 29. The following request was received from the Bluefields Steamship Company, New Orleans:

Report is being circulated in Bluefields, Nicaragua, that yellow fever has broken out in Mobile. Our company's steamers out of Mobile threatened with quarantine. Will you kindly cable, at our expense, President Zelaya, Managua, that report is without foundation? Answer.

August 29. A dispatch was wired to Dr. Rhett Goode, president quarantine board of Mobile Bay, Mobile, Ala.:

Bluefields Steamship Company, New Orleans, La., wire report is being circulated in Bluefields, Nicaragua, that yellow fever has broken out in Mobile. Please inform Bureau as to the matter.

August 29. In reply Dr. Goode telegraphed to the Bureau as follows:

The Nicaraguan consul here cabled Nicaraguan Government to-day: "The health conditions are very satisfactory in every respect. There is no yellow fever or any other contagious disease in Mobile. Please notify Bluefields." This statement is true.

August 30. The Bluefields Steamship Company was informed by the Bureau of the contents of Dr. Goode's dispatch.

August 30. A letter dated August 26 was received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse, Cairo, Ill.:

I have the honor to inform you that the conditions have materially improved in this city since my last report, and the success of measures looking toward the prevention of infection in Illinois seems assured. The State and local authorities are working harmoniously to this end, and the new quarantine regulations issued by the State board of health, which went into effect to-day and which debar any person

from entering Cairo until he has been ten days removed from an infected center, will give as thorough protection as is consistent with any measure of commercial activity. The State has engaged seven physicians, who act as inspectors on all trains and steamers passing through, the trains numbering 24 daily and the river packets about 7 to 10 a week.

These carriers are met at some distance from this point and subjected to a careful examination. All passengers not properly certified are forbidden admission, or, if Cairo is the terminus, put under police surveillance until they can be returned. The heaviest train from the South, averaging in the early days of the epidemic 300 to 400 passengers, now carries considerably less than half that number, while traffic from the North has been slight throughout. The river boats carry practically no passengers and in no case hail from a point farther south than Memphis. In addition to the above precautions, the city and State have jointly engaged a suitable force of men for patrol of all roads leading into the city and also to police the north bank of the Ohio River down to its junction with the Mississippi. This eliminates the skiff ferries, which have caused a great deal of trouble heretofore, Kentucky being open to refugees from infected points. Sanitary conditions within the city also show some improvement. The city council has employed an extra force of men to expedite the cleaning of the streets and a few of the citizens have put their premises in order, but much remains to be accomplished in this direction.

August 30. Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse telegraphed from Cairo, Ill.:

Serious contention over administration local quarantine between sheriff and prominent citizens on one side and State board health on the other. Governor taking matter up. No demoralization thus far of inspection service. Many refugees from Natchez passing through at night; locked cars. Weather conditions hot and humid.

August 30. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La.:

Found 2 cases, both convalescent; none reported. Nothing new.

August 30. From Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Jackson, Miss.:

All local doctors agree 2 yellow fever Vicksburg, 1 in northeast and 1 in northwest part of town, both continuously resident, apparently derived from Italian woman who infected Tallulah and Lake Providence. Vicksburg has had a rigid quarantine from the first, not even permitting transfer of passengers and refusing freight even when disinfected.

August 30. Acting Assistant Surgeon Hicks reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

Five local physicians diagnose 2 cases of yellow fever.

August 30. Surgeon Guitéras reported from New Orleans that he would leave for Natchez that morning, via Jackson, Miss., in accordance with Bureau orders.

August 30–31. From Vicksburg, Miss., Surgeon Guitéras reported:

Confirmed 2 cases yellow fever. All proper precaution taken. Will examine other cases fever to-morrow. Authorities offer to do everything necessary to control outbreak. Ordinance will be passed to-morrow enforcing proper sanitary measures.

Saw a number of fever cases to-day. Only 3 suspicious. Will conclude investigations to-morrow and be able to report on situation.

August 30. From Jackson, Miss., Passed Assistant Surgeon Young telegraphed:

Krauss reports 3 new cases. Goldberger arrived Natchez. Guitéras en route Natchez via Jackson. Hunter and governor urgently request he be sent Vicksburg instead. There are 2 or 3 agreed on as yellow—Harrabon, Waldauer, and another. Disputed by one doctor. Pending decision have stopped all passenger traffic and am arranging relays.

August 30. Health Officer Joseph Goldthwaite, Mobile, wired:

Three yellow, Pensacola. Please advise me source of infection when you learn it.

August 30. Surgeon Sawtelle reported by letter from Norfolk, Va.:

I leave for Richmond to-day by boat in accordance with your telegram of the 28th. Was up at Newport News yesterday to see Assistant Surgeon Jones, who is inspecting the Chesapeake and Ohio trains, also Richmond steamers bound to Norfolk. I saw the president of the board of health (Doctor Bagby), and he seemed to be pleased that the Service took the matter of inspection in charge. The Norfolk health officers are still in action in cleaning up the city, and the inspection of trains and steamers still continues. Trains over the following roads are inspected: Southern Railroad, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Chesapeake and Ohio.

The Virginia Navigation Company boats from Richmond to Norfolk are inspected at Newport News. Steamers from Washington and Baltimore are inspected at Norfolk under direction of quarantine medical officer. The Old Dominion steamers from Richmond to Norfolk, to avoid inspection at Newport News, do not touch at that port now. The quarantine officer at Norfolk has been informed of the fact with a view to having them inspected at Norfolk.

August 30. Cablegram received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout, Bocas del Toro, Panama:

Detained sailor, Ellis, yellow fever. Advise Mobile.

The request of Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout to advise Mobile was complied with.

August 30. Telegram from Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Have to report 3 new cases in Gulfport and 3 in Mississippi City, in original focus. At Hattiesburg not yellow fever.

August 30. Surgeon White wired from New Orleans:

Your telegram regarding officers received. * * * May I suggest Von Ezdorf be used in the State, which now has as many cases as city and spread over large area. Souchon needs and appreciates such help, and have been using Corput in sugar parishes east of river, with Guitéras and Von Ezdorf in those west, and three working overtime. * * * Number of cases under treatment is steadily diminishing and situation hopeful, despite the next two weeks being essentially *Stegomyia* season.

August 30. The following two telegrams were received from Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla., in answer to Bureau telegram of the same date:

Could use acting assistant at Flomaton as train inspector which would give me Doctor Byrd for service here. Another case found, same territory. Have prohibited travel east from here in State. Can not trace source infection and am not satisfied

with situation. People leaving by the way of Atlanta, Ga. Alabama and Louisiana ocked cars through States.

Request authority to employ launch for bay and sound patrol here to Milton. Cost not to exceed $15 a day, including inspector.

August 31. A telegram was sent to Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

Authorized to employ launch for bay and sound patrol from Pensacola to Milton, not to exceed $15 a day, including inspector, as requested in your telegram of 30th. Render bill simply for hire of launch. Authorized to nominate and place on duty at reasonable rate acting assistant for inspection duty at Flomaton.

August 31. The following orders were telegraphed to Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder (through Surgeon White), New Orleans, La.:

Relieved from duty under White. Proceed by first train to Natchez, relieving Goldberger, and act as Service representative there, advising local authorities with regard to suppressive measures and look to enforcement of interstate quarantine regulations to prevent spread of disease, particularly to outside points. Wire soon as possible your opinion of status in Natchez.

August 31. Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder, from Jackson, Miss., acknowledged receipt of orders:

Orders received. Just arrived here and met Goldberger and Young. Am leaving on special for Natchez.

August 31. Surgeon White reported from New Orleans:

Guthrie arrived here 29th; Gardner arrived 30th, Devalin not yet heard from

August 31. From Surgeon White, New Orleans:

Report for to-day: 41 new cases, 6 deaths, 6 new foci.

August 31. Regarding the movements of Passed Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf, Surgeon White telegraphed:

Von Ezdorf left for Leeville morning 29th.

Von Ezdorf returned from Leeville, and will be next up Southern Pacific at Patterson and other points.

August 31. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported from Lake Providence:

One new case. Fumigated all infected and neighboring houses. Corraled 10 suspects. Keep in detention. Fumigated homes. Going Tallulah. Return this evening.

The same day Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported from Tallulah, La.:

After repeated careful inspection during past three weeks find no infection in Tallulah. The 3 cases had been promptly removed and houses fumigated. Last case August 12.

August 31. Surgeon Wasdin telegraphed from Gulfport, Miss.:

Three new cases at Gulfport; 17 in all. No new cases at Mississippi City.

August 31. Passed Assistant Surgeon Wille, in command of the Gulf Quarantine, Ship Island, Miss., reported:

Steamer *Belvernon*, six days from Colon, arrived and disinfected August 24; 2 yellow fever; yesterday 1 yellow fever and one suspect; to-day 2 positive; malaria previously; letter follows.

August 31. Acting Assistant Surgeon Watkins wired fron Natchez, Miss.:

Business paralyzed; merchants importune me to go and fumigate their express cars and steamboats. Am I authorized to do so?

August 31. To Acting Assistant Surgeon Watkins, Natchez, Miss.:

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder will arrive to-morrow. Report to him for duty.

August 31. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young wired from Jackson, Miss.:

Have received requests railroads, boats, commercial bodies Natchez for Service assume charge disinfection cars for freight. Natchez considerable distributing point for territory which is practically dependent on it for all supplies. * * * Governor directs me request orders regarding this. Says no expense Service other than supervision.

September 1. The following telegram was sent in reply:

Replying to your telegram August 31, have wired Lavinder to report to you. Give him necessary instructions not only for suppressing fever in Natchez but for preventing its spread outside, as provided by the interstate quarantine regulations. This covers the request for Service to assume charge, but it should be advisory control without expense for material or labor. You will wire daily report to Bureau. This will suffice at the present time. Guitéras will remain under direct orders from Bureau, and you are cautioned not to give orders or make requests involving change of location of officers not directly under your command without first communicating with the Bureau. Have wired Guitéras to wire you same information he wires Bureau.

September 1. In reply to an inquiry regarding procedures necessary for vessels from Gulfport, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., Assistant Surgeon Boggess, Quarantine, Cape Charles, Va., was informed that the same procedures are necessary for vessels from Gulfport and Pensacola as from New Orleans.

September 1. Surgeon Sawtelle reported from Richmond, Va.:

Irving out of city. Have conferred with Dr. Landor B. Edwards, resident member State board, who stated no action taken. No money available. He thinks train inspection border line unnecessary now in view Norfolk inspection. Has no uneasiness regarding fever situation.

September 1. To Surgeon Sawtelle, Richmond, Va.:

Until you are ordered to return to Norfolk, please make observations as to number of people arriving in Richmond from infected territory and wire Bureau. Look to hotel registers and any other sources of information.

September 1. Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse telegraphed from Cairo, Ill.:

Disagreement between local and State authorities which threatened serious consequences yesterday has been settled. Sheriff ordered to assist in maintenance of quarantine. Full confidence expressed by press and public. Extra coaches returned for accommodation passengers in transit.

September 1. Mr. S. P. Hulbert telegraphed from Zwolle, La., that conditions were still good in that district.

September 1. Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reported his arrival at Memphis.

September 1. Surgeon White telegraphed from New Orleans:

Report for to-day, 39 new cases, 4 deaths, 10 new foci.

September 1. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Two new cases at Gulfport and 2 at Mississippi City. Lebarron reports 2 cases at Pearlington. Citizens of Gulfport are acting energetically, and I hope for a speedy termination of the disease.

September 1. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La., the following telegrams were received:

Investigated the case at Lumber Mill, 5 miles Transylvania, malaria.

Moved 4 suspects to hospital. No cases officially diagnosed. No case whites seven days. No deaths. Little friction.

September 1. The following telegram was received from Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi:

The movement of freight out of Vicksburg and Natchez will be greatly facilitated by the cooperation and assistance of the Marine-Hospital Service. Would be greatly obliged to you if you would instruct Surgeon Young or Lavinder to nominate men to do this work, all expenses to be borne by the State of Mississippi or the citizens of Vicksburg and Natchez. In this connection permit me to commend most highly the work of Marine-Hospital Service in Louisiana and Mississippi. Our people have implicit confidence in their ability and integrity.

September 1. The following telegram was sent to Hon. James K. Vardaman, governor, Natchez, Miss.:

Have already ordered Young to give necessary instructions to Lavinder, and the latter to report to Young for instructions. Guitéras, at Vicksburg, has been instructed in accordance with your telegraphic request of to-day. I have to thank you for your expressions of commendation of the work of the Service in Mississippi.

September 1. Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder was telegraphed at Natchez, Miss.:

Report by wire to Young, who will give you full instructions.

The same day Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder reported his arrival at Natchez, and that he had reported to Passed Assistant Surgeon Young.

September 1. The following telegram was sent to Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss.:

Governor Vardaman requests cooperation and assistance in movement of freights out of Vicksburg and Natchez; requests Service to nominate men to do this work,

the expenses to be borne by State of Mississippi or citizens of Vicksburg and Natchez. I suppose this means the disinfection of freight cars. Lavinder is under instructions from Young. You are directed to comply as requested by the governor. You should also keep in touch with Young, keeping him informed, though you report direct to Bureau.

September 1. Surgeon Guitéras, at Vicksburg, Miss., was directed to wire a report daily to the Bureau, and to wire at the same time any information to Passed Assistant Surgeon Young at Jackson.

September 1. From Vicksburg Surgeon Guitéras telegraphed:

No new cases; 6 suspects under observation. Origin of disease evidently due to excursionists returning from New Orleans July 20. Situation appears favorable. Addressed city board of health, and result, passed resolution previous over stringent restrictions and accepting service regulations in force at New Orleans. Passengers after six days detention in service camps and freight cars fumigated by Service to be accepted in name of Service. I stated cars leaving Vicksburg would be fumigated and certified by me. Committee of business men requested Service take complete charge situation. This can not be done unless approved by State board of health and governor. The responsibility should not be accepted unless sufficient funds and complete freedom of action are guaranteed. At present little money available for the work. Request authority to employ two assistants at $8 per day and that Pharmacist Goodwin be ordered to report to me if agreeable to White.

September 2. From Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss., the following dispatch was received:

One new case, new focus. Attended conference to-day between Vardaman, Hunter, and city authorities. Object of conference to secure funds from State. Result only partly successful. State to pay labor for about ten days only. City to furnish material and raise fund for continuing campaign. Under above circumstances declined to accept full control. Would work in accord with State and local authorities as at present. Work of fumigation, etc., very slow on account of lack of funds. City treasury empty and in debt. Hope fumigation will work better organized to-morrow. A detention camp has been asked for. What is Bureau's view as to that?

September 3. To Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss.:

A complete detention camp for Vicksburg at present time deemed impracticable. Those wishing to leave should be obliged to go through in special trains to noninfectible territory. Later may have to establish detention camp for Mississippi on border of State. However, if you deem it advisable, can send you tents for establishing refuge camp to be occupied by persons whose houses in the infected locality might be vacated to facilitate disinfection.

September 2. The following telegram from Jackson, Miss., was received from Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, and Dr. J. F. Hunter, secretary of the State board of health:

It is very necessary that Surgeon Guitéras remain at Vicksburg several days. We earnestly ask that you permit him to remain there.

September 1. Doctors Harold and Patterson telegraphed from Maysville, Ind. T.:

One case yellow fever. Wire us instructions and send inspector.

September 1. To Doctor Patterson, Maysville, Ind. T.:

Protect case by mosquito netting, and screen in same way all cases of any fever. Wire if patient refugee from New Orleans or where from.

September 2. A second telegram was sent to Doctor Patterson:

Have mailed you yellow-fever literature. If your case is a refugee and the first case, you have a good chance for suppressing if you will disinfect the house and surrounding houses with sulphur, burning 2 pounds to each 1,000 cubic feet of air space, making doors and windows tight, and instituting measures to destroy breeding places of mosquitoes by emptying all collections of water around houses, however small, draining off larger collections, and oiling with petroleum surface of water that can not be drained. Cisterns or other collections of water for daily use should be covered to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs therein.

September 2. State Health Officer Tabor, Austin, Tex., was telegraphed that Doctor Patterson wired that there was 1 case of yellow fever at Maysville, Ind. T.

September 2. Doctors Harold and Patterson wired from Maysville, Ind. T.:

Have concluded patient has no yellow fever. Is resident here.

September 3. The following telegram was received from Dr. George R. Tabor, State health officer of Texas, Austin:

Have sent inspector to investigate Maysville case.

September 3. Doctor Tabor wired:

Case yellow Maysville is confirmed by Texas officers. Unable to trace origin, but perhaps another case in neighborhood two weeks ago. *Stegomyia* present, I am advised.

September 3. Doctor Tabor, Austin, Tex., was telegraphed as follows:

Your telegram received. Can you nominate and place on duty competent physician for Maysville? * * * Must be capable of advising people as to proper suppressive measures, alive to the importance of mosquito doctrine, and must endeavor to trace destination of Maysville refugees and warn authorities by mail and wire to keep them under observation, and also keep Bureau informed of their movements. Please dispatch at once, and submit name and compensation by wire and letter.

September 3. A telegram was received from Maysville, Ind. T., signed W. C. High, M. D.; Geo. L. Lykes, M. D.; Harris Price Patterson, M. D.; G. W. Harrod, M. D.:

Yellow-fever suspect dying. Our town depopulating. Can you furnish us no yellow-fever expert at once?

September 4. Telegrams as follows were sent to Doctors Harrod and Patterson, Maysville, Ind. T.:

Am endeavoring to send you acting assistant surgeon as expert. In meantime study well my telegrams of September 1 and 2. Literature containing printed instructions mailed you Friday. In meantime, in addition to previous advice, request you will try to find destination of people leaving Maysville and notify authorities to

keep them under observation and screen them with mosquito netting on first appearance of any fever, however slight. Will you do this? Answer.

September 4. Telegram to Surgeon Gassaway, Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.:

If necessary employ temporary acting assistant surgeon. Leave Acting Assistant Surgeon Wakefield in charge of hospital and proceed immediately to Guthrie, Okla. Yellow fever reported at Maysville, Ind. T. You will wire Bureau from Guthrie situation and await orders. Literature mailed to-night addressed to you general delivery, Guthrie. Will furnish expert diagnostician if required.

September 4. To Dr. John T. Moore, Galveston, Tex.:

Upon recommendation of Dr. George H. Tabor, State health officer, would request you to proceed at once to Maysville, Ind. T., to act as Service representative. Have no special instructions, but on arrival at Maysville see three telegrams from Bureau to Doctors Harold and Patterson, which contain all points desired to be covered. Wire departure and arrival.

September 5. Telegram to Doctors Harrold and Patterson, Maysville, Ind. T.:

Can you find any record of any refugees from Louisiana or Mississippi being in Maysville about two weeks before your suspected case?

September 2. Surgeon White telegraphed from New Orleans:

New cases, 37; deaths, 3; new foci, 10.

September 2. Passed Assistant Surgeon Wille, in command of the Gulf Quarantine, Ship Island, Miss., telegraphed:

Shipping at Gulfport has been resumed to Ship Island, west end, to load lumber from barges and schooners and passengers from Logtown, Scranton, Mosspoint, and Pascagoula. Requirements of last three towns and Logtown are not uniform. Jackson County requires disinfection of barges and schooners returned empty, with detention of personnel, which I approve. Logtown admits empties and crews without fumigation or detention, of which I disapprove, owing to possibility of shipping containing infected *Stegomyia*. With respect to this coastwise quarantine, shall I communicate with Wasdin or with you direct? Have requested Moncure to visit shipping daily to keep in touch with the sanitary condition, and to remand empty lighters here for treatment. We feel need of telephonic communication with mainland body.

September 2. Dr. P. T. Harris, secretary of the Georgia State board of health, wired from Atlanta, Ga.:

Man from Pensacola developed case of yellow fever here to-day.

September 2. Surgeon Wertenbaker telegraphed from Atlanta, Ga.:

Local authorities announce 1 case yellow fever, a refugee from Pensacola who arrived at Atlanta 2 a. m., August 31, and developed fever September 1. Diagnosis not determined until this morning. Patient removed and screened in hospital in outskirts of city. He occupied a room in Union Hotel one night. Have not seen city health officer, but will do so later and report on what measures have been taken. Believe practically no danger of spread owing to almost total absence of

Stegomyia in Atlanta. Have stopped issue of certificates until it is learned where they will be accepted.

Just returned from visit to yellow fever patient with city health officer, screened hospital 1 mile from city limits in charge of experienced immune physician. Room in hotel occupied by patient thoroughly sulphurized. Believe no danger of spread. Will watch other refugees closely. Am in cordial touch with Kennedy, the city health officer.

September 2. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss wired from Lake Providence, La.:

Four yellow fever. New cases can be traced to foci already located. Homes been disinfected to date. To-morrow investigate sickness at Tallulah.

September 2. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Fulton, Ky.:

Lavinder reports 2 cases; Guitéras reports 6 cases, 6 suspicious. Have instructed Lavinder to return South to-night. Lavinder will certainly need pharmacist. Recommend Hall. Have several inspectors who are immune doctors experienced service work quarantine. The inspection service could if necessary with Bureau approval furnish assistant Lavinder, replacing for train service by other appointees.

September 2. From Gulfport, Miss., Surgeon Wasdin wired:

Eight new cases at Gulfport to-day; 2 new cases Mississippi City in guards.

September 2. To Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss.:

Authorized to nominate and place on duty two acting assistants * * * as requested in yours of September 1. Can not order Goodman at present.

September 2. Telegrams were sent to the Hon. James K. Vardaman, governor of Mississippi, and to Dr. J. F. Hunter, secretary State board health, Jackson, Miss., informing them that the Bureau will keep Surgeon Guitéras at Vicksburg.

September 2. Sanitary Inspector Porter reported from Pensacola, Fla.:

The situation here is becoming serious, subfoci being found. Many poor people who can not get a long distance, and through Alabama, will want to go away from here. If 100 persons apply to me, will you establish an interstate detention camp near Flomaton under Service control? I wish to avoid distributing infection around Pensacola in country and near by settlements, as you know it is difficult to prevent egress, even with guarded cordon around city. I am on track of source of infection originally. Please answer.

Will establish a camp near Flomaton, as requested, when you give the word. Wire if you have a site selected and whether it is on the Alabama or Florida side, preferably on the latter. Bureau loaned you 9 tents for Yulee. Do you need them there any longer? If camp is established will probably place Banks in charge of it.

September 2. To Custodian Edward W. Sceals, Camp Perry, Fla.:

Prepare, ready for immediate shipment, 30 tents, 14 by 14, with flies and poles and camp outfit for 100 people. Make an accurate list and forward to Bureau. Do not ship until further orders, but authorized to employ necessary labor at reasonable rates for getting ready.

September 2. The following orders were wired to Surg. C. E. Banks, in command Marine Hospital, Key West, Fla.:

Nominate temporary acting assistant for charge of hospital, proceed to Jacksonville, Fla., wire arrival, and await orders. Bureau may possibly establish detention camp near Flomaton and place you in charge. Wire departure and route taken.

September 3. Surgeon Banks telegraphed from Key West, Fla.:

Telegram received. Will arrive at Jacksonville Wednesday. Miami telegram will soonest reach me at Arafon Hotel.

September 3. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

Krauss reports 2 more cases in Lake Providence and 3 well-marked new cases at Tallulah.

September 3. Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reported from Cairo, Ill.:

State and local authorities cooperating to make quarantine effective. Passenger traffic very light. Few detentions. Made visit Paducah Friday at request of acting assistant for conference with Doctor McCormick. Kentucky depending entirely on Service work to keep out infection.

September 3. From New Orleans, Surgeon White reported:

New cases, 29; deaths, 3; new foci, 11.

September 3. Dr. Larkin Smith, city health officer, Nashville, Tenn., wired:

Does Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service consider Nashville infectible by yellow fever?

September 4. In response to the preceding inquiry the following telegram was sent to Dr. Larkin Smith:

Replying to your telegram, September 3, have to say that Nashville has heretofore been considered safe from infection of yellow fever, but am informed by Doctor Howard that the yellow-fever mosquito was found there in considerable numbers last September. Nashville is not a place where this mosquito naturally breeds, but whether the mosquitoes found last September have survived the winter or whether there are others there now Bureau can not say. Suggest you make examination. Kindly inform me result of examination.

September 5. To this telegram the following reply was received:

Morgan, State entomologist, declares *Stegomyia* present here now. Under this circumstance, considering Nashville's natural environment, do you consider this city infectible by yellow fever?

September 5. The Bureau wired Dr. Larkin Smith as follows:

Yellow-fever mosquitoes being present in Nashville the disease, if introduced, will doubtless spread and Nashville is therefore considered infectible territory.

September 4. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss wired from Lake Providence, La.:

Two cases here, 3 at Tallulah. Wired Young send man. Notified local points. Rains and cool nights driving mosquitoes into houses. Expect heavy increase. Will burn sulphur fast as can be got. Exhausted markets and quarantine interfering. Still find isolations.

September 4. Surgeon Sawtelle wired from Richmond, Va.:

No people arriving in Richmond from infected districts so far as can be ascertained from hotel registers and other sources. Large number from Asheville and vicinity. Health officer issues certificates southbound passengers. Doctor Irving still absent.

September 4. To Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf, Lafayette, La.:

Telegram to you at Leeville revoked. Continue under White as at present.

September 4. Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf telegraphed from Lafayette, La.:

One mild case yellow fever about recover. Source infection here. Measures for extermination of mosquitoes have been instituted. Will address public to-night recommending continuance of this work. I found *Stegomyia*. Will leave to-morrow Patterson. Am here under orders White. I would recommend that continue along this line.

September 4. Surgeon Wasdin reported from Gulfport, Miss.:

Five new cases in Gulfport for Third; 2 in Mississippi City; 1 in Handsboro. All other coast cities are reported clean. The revenue steamers *Forward* and *Seminole* were yesterday detached from patrol duty, as the outer service line seemed to be doing too little to warrant exposure of these ships in coming to Gulfport. The inner line *Winona* and launches remain intact for protection of clean coast. This municipality slowly awakened to the importance of the effort to stamp out the ignorance and indifference which hamper us in every step. Still I hope for good results.

September 4. To Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Replying to your telegram of to-day advise you represent to Representative Bowers, and also Governor Vardaman, facts concerning indifference of Gulfport to efforts being made to stamp out disease there and request them to stir up the authorities and the people to necessity of action in accordance with your advice.

September 4. Asst. Surg. F. A. Ashford was relieved from duty at Ellis Island, N. Y., and directed to proceed immediately to New Orleans and report to Surgeon White for special temporary duty.

September 4. Surgeon White telegraphed from New Orleans:

New cases, 55; deaths, 5; new foci, 12.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CHOLERA IN GERMANY.

The following official confirmation has been received of the presence of Asiatic cholera in Hamburg and elsewhere in Germany:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 1.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you for the information of the Bureau of Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service that a telegram of the 31st ultimo has been